



Streetscape Improvement Association

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for both the commercial and residential areas of Westchester

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Ms. Conni Pallini-Tipton, AICP, City Planner
City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street, Room 667
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR, Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan and West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan (CTCSP/WLA TIMP) Amendment Project – Los Angeles City File Number AD #NOP-14-003-PL, LADCP Case Numbers ENV-2014-1458-EIR, CPC-2014-1456-SP, and CPC-2014-1457-SP

Dear Ms. Pallini-Tipton:

The Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association (WSIA) is a community volunteer organization which has been working since the 1990's to enhance and improve local streetscapes, resulting in a better environment for both the commercial and residential areas of Westchester. We have projects throughout the Westchester area; however, one project very near and dear to our hearts has been our ongoing effort on Sepulveda Boulevard. Working with the City and the Westchester Town Center Business Improvement District, we have achieved a dramatic revitalization of Sepulveda Boulevard through the Business District, and work is underway within the residential district to replace the long-neglected sidewalks and install new landscaping which will provide a pleasant walking experience for the community.

We have followed the Westside Mobility Plan since its inception several years ago, and understand that the City is considering the extension of light rail service along either a Sepulveda Boulevard or Lincoln Boulevard alignment. WSIA is strongly opposed to a Sepulveda Boulevard alignment and believes that a Lincoln Boulevard alignment makes much more sense for the community. Light rail service along Lincoln Boulevard could serve the Westchester Business District with a new stop to be located within LAWA's LAX Northside Project, and it would serve the higher density population located in the Lincoln/Manchester vicinity, Loyola Marymount University, and Playa Vista. We do not believe that light rail would be compatible with the residential district along Sepulveda Boulevard and are concerned that such an alignment would require the elimination of many of the streetscape projects that WSIA has worked so hard to achieve for the past two decades.

We look forward to reviewing the Draft EIR and encourage the City to eliminate consideration of the proposed Sepulveda Boulevard light rail alignment.

Regards,

John Ruhlen, President



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